

Hibbing VA issue addressed in private

Former workers alleging they were ordered to backdate documents

Click the image above to read the Mesabi Daily News' coverage of our meeting with the former VA workers.

We are continuing efforts to get to the bottom of **troubling allegations by former employees at the Hibbing veterans clinic**. Their accounts involve appointments scheduling irregularities, hostile work environment and practices that put profits ahead of the well being of our veterans.

Last week, **Senator Dave Tomassoni and I met privately** with three people who left the facility after a combined total of more than 20 years of service at the clinic. They spoke candidly of their experiences and concerns, which I have promised to convey to the **Secretary of the Veterans Administration**, the **Inspector General**, and to the leadership of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

In my report, I will reiterate the earlier request I made along with Senators Klobuchar and Franken and Congressman Tim Walz that the Inspector General fully **investigate the charges and report back to us as quickly as possible**. Through their valiant service, our veterans have earned the best and most timely medical care a grateful nation can provide. **We are determined to leave no stone unturned to assure they receive no less**.